

SENATE BILL 99

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 11, Part 10, relative to vulnerable
persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1002, is amended by inserting the following as new, appropriately designated subdivisions and renumbering the existing subdivisions accordingly:

() "Abuse" means the willful infliction of injury, unreasonable confinement, intimidation, or punishment with resulting physical harm, pain, or mental anguish;

() "Neglect" means the failure to provide goods and services necessary to avoid physical harm, mental anguish, or mental illness;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1003(d), is amended by deleting the language "thirty (30)" and substituting instead the language "sixty (60)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 10, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

The commissioner of health shall promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this part. The rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.